

LITTLE TRINITY

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Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Service of Word & Song

6:30pm

At the first Pentecost we see God's Spirit poured out on his followers, bringing transformation and power. Barriers are broken down, lives transformed and the gospel begins to spread. The life and power given then, symbolised in wind and flame, are ours today to receive from God and to share with others.

REFLECTIVE PIECE

WELCOME

WORSHIP IN SONG

OPENING PRAYERS

[Jesus said] If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. (John 14:15-17)

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:

You speak to us of our Lord,
and show us the depth of his love.

All: Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

[The Apostle Peter said] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. (1 Peter 4:12-14)

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, wind and flame:

You filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news.

All: Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

[The Apostle Paul said] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption as children, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:14-15)

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:

By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor
and release to those held captive.

All: Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Acts 2:1-21; 42-47

Reader: Jeremie Wood

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "People of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke;
²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall
be saved.' [...]

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the
breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many won-
ders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were
together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and
belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day,
attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their
food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favour with all the
people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:4-11

Reader: Chris Robinson

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going
out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt round his waist and
ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is
mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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SERMON "When the Holy Spirit Comes" Andrew Stuart
Sermon Series: Acts: Empowered to Bear Witness to Jesus' Kingdom:

SONG OF RESPONSE

PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Silence

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Shed your light of understanding and wisdom on governments and leaders. Make all peoples obedient to your leading, that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of your glory, as the waters cover the sea. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Silence

All: O Holy Spirit, as you poured out your gifts and enlivened the Church on the first Pentecost, so fill your Church today with your light and truth, that it may proclaim and live out your gospel to all the world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES

Silence

All: Descend upon us, O mighty Spirit, so that, inspired and encouraged by you, we may faithfully fulfill the duties of our lives and vocations, and carry our crosses with patience and courage, to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

“Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Come, then, let us confess our sins to the one who is faithful to forgive. Let us adore the one who is mighty to save!

Silence

Merciful and gracious God, our hearts cry out for you to make us whole again. Even as we celebrate that you have come to dwell within us, we have sinned against you and abandoned your commandments. We have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive. We have not heeded your Word and we have not cherished your covenant. Help us to glorify you in all times and in all places. As our souls thirst for your living waters, quench our needs and satisfy our love, that we may come back to you and be sent forth to fill the world with your mercy and grace, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us. Amen.

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught, we are bold to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING WORSHIP

DISMISSAL

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

Thanks be to God.



NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

6:30pm - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service
Reading: Isaiah 35:5–10, Psalm 118:19–29, Acts 3:1–26

WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in the Philippines
DIOCESE: St. Hugh and St. Edmund, St. James Cathedral &
St. James the Apostle, Brampton
CLERICUS: Church of the Redeemer

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